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SUBJ: RENEWED SOVIET COMPLAINTS OF BUNKERING PROBLEMS
IN US PORTS

REF: A. MOSCOW 218; B. STATE 8547

1. INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFTEL B SENT BY LETTER
TO AVERIN ON JAN. 16. JAN. 22 LETTER*FROM AVERIN TO
ECON/OMM COUNSELOR DOES NOT REFER TO THIS RESPONSE TO
MINISTRY'S EARLIER COMPLAINTS SET OUT IN REFTEL A, CITING
INSTEAD FURTHER EXAMPLES OF SOVIET SHIPS HAVING BEEN
REFUSED BUNKERS IN US PORTS IN RECENT DAYS.

2. TRANSLATION OF AVERIN LETTER FOLLOWS FOR DEPT'S
INFORMATION* QUOTE SUPPLEMENTARY TO OUR LETTER
NO. VS-7/6 OF JANUARY 4, 1974, CONCERNING THE REFUSAL
IN US PORTS TO BUNKER SHIPS CHARTERED BY THE SOVIET CHARTERING
ORGANIZATION "SOVFRACHT" FOR THE SHIPPING OF GOODS IN SOVIET-
AMERICAN TRADE, WE ARE COMPELLED TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO
THE REPITION OF SIMILIAR INCIDENTS IN JANUARY OF THIS YEAR:

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"ATENA ZAFIRAKIS" - JANUARY 10, NEW ORLEANS, LOAD OF GRAIN

FOR THE USSR. ORDERED 950 TONS OF FUEL OIL AND 100 TONS OF DIESEL OIL. WAS REFUSED.

"VANCOUVER TRADER" - JANUARY 11, PASCAGOULA. LOAD OF GRAIN FOR THE USSR. ORDERED 1300 TONS OF FUEL OIL AND 100 TONS OF DIESEL FUEL. WAS REFUSED.

"OLYMPIC PRESTIGE" - JANUARY 10, NEW ORLEANS. LOAD OF GRAIN FOR THE USSR. ORDERED 50 TONS OF FUEL OIL AND 30 TONS OF DIESEL FUEL. WAS REFUSED.

I WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THAT SUCH PRACTICES CREATE DIFFICULTIES FOR THE NORMAL APPLICATION OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE USSR AND USA REGARDING CERTAIN MARITIME MATTERS OF OCTOBER 14, 1972, AND CONTRADICTS THE PRINCIPLE OF RECIPROCITY IN THE*QUESTIONS OF SHIP BUNKERING.

I REQUEST THAT YOU BRING THE ABOVE-MENTIONED SITUATION TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMPETENT ORGANS IN THE UNITED STATES IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE SUCH OCCURRENCES IN THE FUTURE.

I WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO YOU IF YOU COULD INFORM ME AS TO WHETHER THE COMPETENT ORGANS OF THE USA INTEND IN THE FUTURE TO SUPPORT THE PRINCIPLE OF RECIPROCITY IN QUESTIONS OF BUNKERING TRADING SHIPS AND IF THEY ARE PREPARED TO FORMALIZE SUCH AN AGREEMENT WITH A BILATERAL DOCUMENT. END QUOTE

3. COMMENT* : ON BASIS OF STATE 244003 (12/13/73) EMBASSY HAD INFORMED MIN MERCHANT MARINE THAT MARINE SHIPPERS USING US PORTS WOULD BE ALLOCATED 100 PER CENT OF THEIR RESIDUAL FUEL OIL REQUIREMENTS ON NON-DISCRIMINATORY BASIS AFTER DEC 27, 1973. ALTHOUGH AVERIN HAS MADE NO DIRECT REPLY TO LETTER WE SENT HIM AS PER REFTEL B, LATEST*MESSAGE FROM HIM WOULD SEEM TO IMPLY SOVIET EXPECTATION THAT ALL THEIR SHIPS HAVE RIGHT TO BUNKER IN US PORTS REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT ON-LOADED FUEL IS OVER AND ABOVE REQUIREMENTS FOR RETURN VOYAGE. DEPT'S GUIDANCE REQUESTED FOR REPLYING TO LATEST SOVIET COMPLAINT.DU*S

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